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FROM VATICAN OFFICE

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SUBJ: THE VATICAN AND LEBANON

REF: A. ROME 12306 B. ROME 12373

1. VATICAN FOREIGN MINISTER CASAROLI INFORMED SARROS MORNING
JULY 7 THAT LATE EVENING JULY 6 VATICAN ASKED APOSTOLIC DELEGATE
IN WASHINGTON JADOT TO CONVEY URGENT MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT CARTER
FROM POPE PAUL VI, WHICH
-- EXPRESSES HIS PERSONAL CONCERN THAT CURRENT FIGHTING
IN LEBANON IS ENDANGERING INSTITUTIONS OF COUNTRY AND ALSO
POSES SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR PEACE IN THE ENTIRE MIDDLE EAST
REGION
--ASKS PRESIDENT CARTER TO INTERVENE WITH SYRIAN AUTHOR-
ITIES TO STOP FIGHTING AND TO RESPECT TRUCE SO THAT A
PEACEFUL AND JUST SOLUTION TO CRISIS CAN BE WORKED OUT.

2. AS REPORTED IN ROME 12373 VATICAN IS TREPIDATIOUS ABOUT
APPROACHING SYRIANS DIRECTLY, PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF VATICAN
PERCEPTION OF SYRIAN INTENTIONS IN LEBANON AND FEELING THAT
CONTEXT EXPLAINS POPE'S APPEAL TO PRESIDENT TO INTERVENE WITH
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3. THIS MORNING WE PROVIDED VATICAN WITH CONTENTS OF
STATE 170678 -- "FURTHER DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT ON LEBANON."
WE BELIEVE IT DESIRABLE THAT WE BE AUTHROIZED TO CONVEY SUB-
STANCE OF DAMASCUS 3790 TO CASAROLI IN COURSE OF DAILY CONSUL-
TATIONS ON LEBANESE SITUATION. GARDNER

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